



**Boston Connects, Incorporated**  
**Boston Empowerment Zone**  
2201 Washington Street

**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2003**

**Members Present:** Mike Vance-*President*, Mike Foley-*Treasurer*, Gloria Coney-*Clerk*, Joelee Baker Bey, Rev. Gerard Bell, Judy Flashner, Michael Glavin, George Greenidge, Joanne Hilferty, Elizabeth Miranda, Valerie Pruitt, Frederick Umeh, John Wagner, Thomas W. Yee

**Members Absent:** Ralph Cooper, Betty Greene , Robert Harrington, Robert Kinney-*Vice President*, Mark Maloney, Charlotte Golar Richie, Juanita Wade

**BCI Staff:** Christine Araujo, Shirley Carrington, Sherry O'Brien

**EDIC Staff:** Michelle Trousil, Ken Barnes

**Guests:** (*All guests were from BYOP*) Dide Agoro, Beza Ayalew, Dwayne Ellison, Jermaine Ellison, Sherika Ellison, Red Griswold, Winston Nurse, Collige Williams

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Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Mr. Dwayne Ellison, a teenager from BYOP, gave the following statement: Thank you to the Board for allowing him to speak and for support of summer jobs for teens. Save summer jobs, budget cuts will leave 3,000 teens with no jobs. Summer jobs help teens and youth gain responsibilities and skills and help teens prepare for future.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion:** To approve March 25, 2003 minutes.

By: Mr. Baker-Bey

Second: Ms.Coney

Recused: 0

Abstained:0

Opposed:0

**Motion: Carried.**

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Budget Committee:**

Mr. Foley, Treasurer, presented the FY03 budget. Ms. Hilferty requested a word change in recommended board vote #4, expenditures to allocation. Mr.Baker-Bey questioned capacity



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building. He inquired if the committee could apply for additional funding. Mr. Glavin questioned whether the FOC goals could still be met with the decreased allocation.

**Motion:**

*A motion in four parts, as follows:*

1. To adopt the 2003 Program Budget which reflects the percentages per Goal as detailed in the Strategic Plan (Attachment A);
2. To Adopt the 2003 Four Year Governance/Operations Budget (Attachment B).
3. In the "Flexible Program" category of the 2003 budget:
  - Approved funding of \$14,979 to support the Education and Job Readiness initiatives.
  - Approved funding of \$149,905 to support Technologies initiatives.
  - Approve the reallocation of the remaining \$375,142 to the '03 Flexible Program Funds for a total of \$679,684.
  - Committees who exceed their program amounts can apply for additional funding.
4. The Board approves allocation to the entire Goal. Committees will set priorities within each goal and bring specific strategies as they are ready to the Board vote.

By: Mr. Glavin

Second: Rev. Bell

Recused: 0

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

**Motion: Carried.**

**B. Health and Well-Being Committee:**

Mr. Vance, Board president, disclosed that he had an interest in the summer youth proposal. He recused himself from the discussion and left the room. He turned the meeting over to Ms. Coney.

Ms. Coney and Ms. Hilferty spoke of the great need for Empowerment Zone youth to be employed during the summer months, the success of last years program, the lack of funding for summer programming this year, and during the board program priority analysis, summer job programming was one of the highest program priorities.

The committee recommends that \$750,000 be used to implement the EZ Summer Jobs program that will employ 625 youth between 14 and 17 years of age in not for profit and public agencies in July and August using a School -to -Career learning model.

Discussion ensued from board members about the ages of the youth to be hired. A suggestion was made that 18 years olds be included in this group. Others felt that 18 year olds who already graduated from high school are eligible for other programs and funds that younger high school students cannot apply for. It was decided that the vote on the Summer Jobs program should be amended to include 18 year olds, who will be retuning to high school in the fall.

Ms. Araujo said an RFQ will be issued in the next few days. She also stated that another special meeting will be scheduled to approve the vendors that will be selected to implement the Summer Jobs program. Ms. Hilferty suggested that the Board could vote to delegate the Executive Committee to approve the selected vendors.

Mr. Foley, Treasurer, reminded the Board that the funding was not from the '03 budget. Rather it is reprogramming of funds and the reallocation from Family Opportunity Center budget.



Mr. Glavin memorialized concern regarding flexible funding in support of FOC's.

**Motion:** To invest a total of \$750,000 of Empowerment Zone funds in Goal B10 to provide support of youth 14 to 17 and 18 year olds returning to high school. Zone youth would work in community based organizations, non profits or public agencies in or in proximity of the Zone in a School-to-Career learning model. BCI staff will develop and issue an RFQ for organizations in the City which can provide the services listed above. To support this initiative, \$35,000 is to be reallocated from the unspent and de-obligated 2002 Summer allocation. Additionally, \$715,000 would be reallocated to this initiative from the reserve of \$985,720.19 held for the Family Opportunity Center.

By:	Mr.Baker-Bey	Second: Rev. Bell	
Recused:	1 (Mr. Vance)	Abstained:0	Opposed:0
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Carried.</b>		

**Motion:** To authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board of Directors to take whatever actions are necessary to implement the board vote to support summer jobs for youth.

By:	Ms.Hilferty	Second: Mr.Umeh	
Recused:	1 (Mr. Vance)	Abstained:0	Opposed:0
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Carried.</b>		

Meeting ajourned at 7:05PM.

The next regular board meeting will be on May 27, at 6:00pm.

A true record attest:

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Gloria Coney, Clerk

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Date



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